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March 24, 1953

Mr. Allen Dulles, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Undoubtedly, during your honored career, you have come across the work done by various International Houses in the United States. In these times, when it is so important for us to convey to the foreign students a real picture of life in the United States and the principles of democracy, we believe our work becomes even more important.

As you know, the foreign students who come to this country are usually outstanding young men and women who will return to positions of leadership in their respective homelands. In order to give these people greater insight into what makes America, we endeavor to present a variety of programs here at International House of Philadelphia.

It is our greatest desire to have you with us sometime during the coming academic year. If you could find time in your very crowded schedule to come to Philadelphia and address our foreign students, without a doubt, it will be one of the highlights of the year. If you will select the date, preferably a Friday, we will try to make our plans to your convenience.

Though our House facilities are limited, we will make arrangements somewhere in the city to have all or most of our one thousand foreign students meet you. If you would prefer, we could use our more intimate facilities here at International House for your visit, with the resulting smaller group. A reception at the House would be in order regardless of what type of program would follow, in order to provide the opportunity for more of us to meet you.

I am very anxious to hear from you as to the possibility of such a visit.

With kindest regards and best wishes for a successful administration of your Office, I am

Sincerely yours,

Edwin H. Sherman  
Program Director